*Lose that Punch What Took | They'd Call Me a Fool if I Stuck Out My Jaw and Let Ritchie Knock Me Out," Says Champion, Musing on His Defeat.

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"CAN'T STAY IN PERFECT SHAPE CONSTANTLY"

Freddie Welsh sat panting on the rub-down bench in his dressing room at Ritchie-Cross bout at the Garden. down bench in his dressing room at Madison Square Garden. He heard the card for the Garden show on March 19, when Jim Coffey and Al Reich were exwillie Ritchie as a wonder "come back" specialist. The smile that the champion had worn all during the spirited encounter a few minutes before still least. Handlers were busy trying least.
All looked well until Coffey announced

remained. Handlers were busy trying to unknot the laces of his fighting shoes. When Freddie got his second wind he had plenty to say:

"Ritchie went in there to knock me out—he said he would and he didn't, did he? The crowd didn't like my way of preventing him from knocking me out. What did they want me to do, stick my they accepted the invitation, What did they want me to do, stick my jaw out and let him win back with one Freddie Welsh, and sent word to that punch that which took me eleven years to earn?

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Freddie Welsh, and sent word to that effect to Johnston yesterday. If satisfactory terms can be arranged by the two boxers the bout will be put on at the Garden come time.

"I've made my reputation not as a slugger, but as Abe Attell and Jem Driscoil did. Did they condemn Jem Driscoil when he bowbed before hard hitting Leach Cross for ten rounds? Leach nearly broke his back trying to hit Jem, who simply moved this way and that without attempting to hit back. The fans thought that fine and they laughed their heads off at the ease with which he avoided Cross.

before a fight and come in fat and slow and in no condition to put up a tiptop championship battle. I'm only human even if I am a champion. No titleholder before me ever went down the line without putting up a poor fight.

"A man can't always show chompion "A man can't always show chomplon-ship class, no matter how great he is. Gans was hounded often for his poor battles, yet they'll never stop singing his praises. Nelson was the laughing stock of San Francisco when Jimmy Britt came back and almost knocked him out. Nelson floundered around the ring ike an old woman and then he claimed ne had foolishly eaten two steaks before

"It's impossible to keep going at top speed in any game. A ten second man couldn't go at that clip every day for ten days. He'd be a horsible failure bout the tenth day. It's like trying to do exactly what he wants him to do. eat a quall every day for a month. It He's an artist in that respect. When

simply can't be done.
"Nobody knows this, but ten days ago know what to do next and Jack will lead I was in awful shape. I was so stale I couldn't lift my hands. I had back to camp I had only four days in which to get ready for Ritchie. But I

to retine champion and to make every deliar that is coming to me.

"The champions before me stalled me out of a chance. Nelson only a little while ago said he knew I could have won from him in twenty rounds. Wolgast ducked me and Ritchie ran out on me in Vancouver when I had an opportunity. If I'm getting it easy now I deserve every penny of it. I dug up \$25,000 in cash to meet Ritchie's demands in London. Most of that money came out of my own pocket. I didn't get a cent out of the fight and it cost me \$5,000 besides. They ducked me. I tell you almost to the end, of my career, and then I had to stake every dollar I had in the world on my chances.

"Now I'm the champion. I won my title at the worst possible time—a reat war of the nations was on and times were hard. Anything I did, in a financial way, had to be done quickly and as often as possible. I've not to and as often as possible. I've got to iman fault.

m heartly sick and tired of fight

ing. You don't know how I loathe it all. They'll all tell you that over in



l know it. He put up a fight that was 50 per cent. better than the one he made against me in London. Mine was below my standard, I know. If he had anything left he was bound to show up better. He's been away for a year resting and storing vitality, while I've been ing and storing vitality, while I've been folling away, using mine up in constant fighting. It was the crisis in his life. He could afford to rip and lear as he did. He had nothing to lose and a world to gain. I consider him the best boy in America, the best American at his weight. He was the challenger at his weight. He was the challenser and I the defender. I defended, not to the best of my ability, perhaps, but I defended it. That's what I went into that ring for.

'If I had mixed and lost it they'd have said I was a fool. I played him safe and they must give me credit for being a good business man at least. I won't stop there. Any time anybody, Ritchie included, puts up the exact amount be compelled me to post in London, I'll take over a twenty round decision route. take over a twenty round decision route. That's fair enough and that's what I think of him, despite my apparent bad

Showing to-night."

And then Welsh walked out to his Waiting car looking as fresh and un-marked as he had entered the building a few hours before.

Willie Ritchie spent most of last eve-hing conferring with Jimmy Johnston at Madison Square Garden, the object of the conference being a hout with Charlie White or Leach Cross. As Ritchie Wanted a guarantee of \$5,000 and John-ston wouldn't give it to him the confer-ence ended without tangible result and

Armstrong claims that Willard should have been taken in hand when he first appeared on the horizon and schooled in the art of boxing. "He's got everything but the knowledge, and a man of my experience, for instance, could have schooled him until he would have been 50 per cent, better than he is now," said old Bob.

Bob Fitzsimmons was asked one day who he considered the greatest fighter he ever knew.

he ever knew.

"Bob Armstrong." said the freckled one without hesitation. "He would have been the world's heavyweight champion had he been white. His color kept him back to the extent that he never got up to the starting mark."

The threatened doom of boxing in Australia because of a boxers "union" doesn't sound half as serious as Al Lippe would have us believe. That any set of mitt flingers could outgeneral a set of mitt flingers could outgeneral a live wire like Snowy Baker would be hard to believe. Baker is a good sportsman and a generous one. He has lavished money on a lot of third raters who style themselves champions. Australia is "fighter poor." The people there are ready to see any of the old hasbeens that this or any other country sends them. Clabby and McGoorty were the best they ever saw, perhaps. In days best they ever saw, perhaps. In days gone by they brought out such stars as Jackson, Fitzsimmons, Dawson, Tracy, Young Mitchell, Jim Hall, Griffo and many others, but they gained renow: and ability only after they had come America.

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"I'm not a Wolgast, a Rivers or a Nelson. People always have paid to see me box. They say I haven't a punch. Isn't that strange when my record list' stilly on the face of it, besides being deuced had business. I'm getting the best of the percentage in all my bouts.

"I haven't snesked off with my title to come out but once or twice a year to box as champions before me have done. I'm boxing on an average of once a week, needing any boy that the prometres have asked me to face. I'm in constant training—I have been since I came back with the title. I've been state and will be stale again. It's only natural that him is alley. I find it hard to calculate the lessor of two evils—whether to come overwork or to lay off and do mothing before a fight and come in fat and slow and in no condition to put up a tiptop and in no con

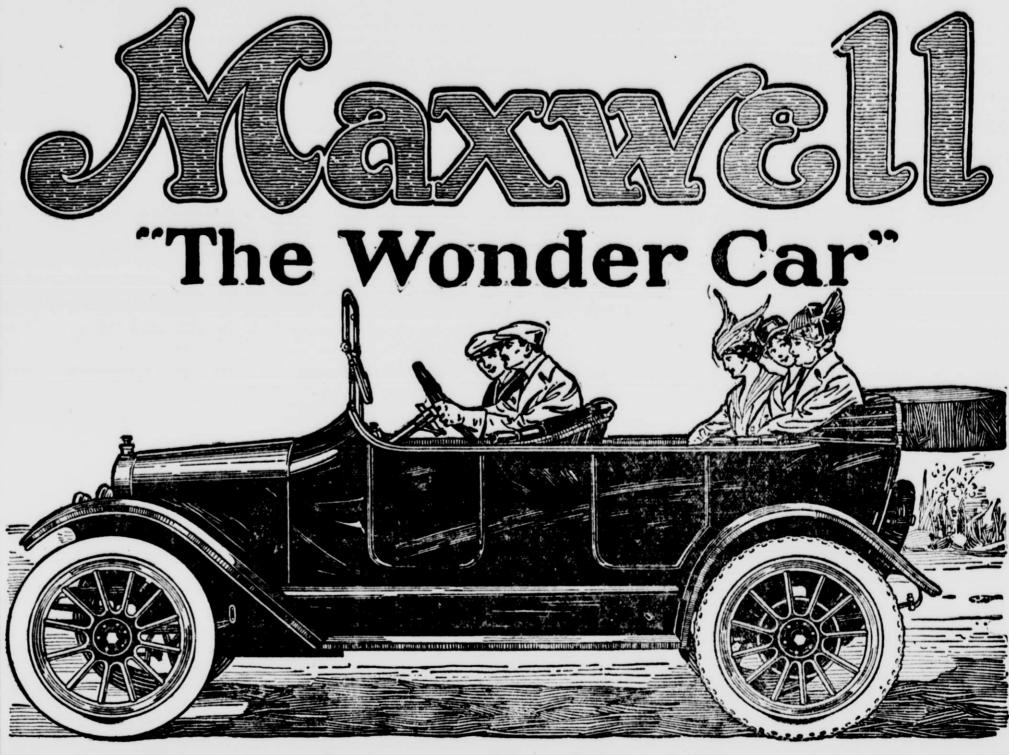
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WHAT LIL

Kid Williams is sure he will defeat Johnny Kilbane on St. Patrick's day. "Even if Kilbane does defeat me. I'm bantam champion still," says Williams, "but if I slip a knockout blow across on Kilbane I will be featherweight champion of the world. Where there's nothing to lose and everything to gain I look to have the best of the argument as it stands."

Lack can make any man in the world ead, can make any man in the world ead, can make any man in the world when it comes to speed. Both men like to exactly what he wants him to do to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to set and whate away and it was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to be some slugging to the set and the world was like to set and the world was like to be set do exactly what he wants him to do. He's an artist in that respect. When he gets close to Jess, the cowboy won't begin to lose hope of ever seeing one.



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